(c) if not, the facts in this regard;

(d) the region which have become the main centres of Naxal activities now; and

(e) the reasons behind these regions coming under influence of Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c)As per available information, the present strength of hardcore naxalite cadres is around 9300. Their arms holding includes around 6300 regular weapons and a large number of country-made arms.

(d) 76 districts in 9 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are affected by naxalite violence/activity in varying degrees. Besides, naxalites are also trying to spread their influence in some parts of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Uttaranchal.

(e) Socio-economic disparities, some local issues such as threat of eviction from forest areas, lack of development, backwardness and inadequate/ineffective mechanisms for redressal of public grievances are some of the reasons, which are exploited by the naxalites in these regions in spreading their activities.

Development of roads on Indo-Nepal Border

† 3045. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the Centre since financial year 2000-01 till now for construction, development and upgradation of roads of Indp-Nepal border areas of Bihar, year-wise;

(b) the total amount released against it alongwith the amount spent on it; and

(c) the details thereof alongwith the physical achievements made?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP), an amount of Rs. 1397.55 lakh was allocated by the Government of Bihar for construction, widening and strengthening of roads in the Indo-Nepal border areas. The year-wise details are as under:

Year	Amount in Rupees (Lakhs)
2000-01	Nil
2001-02	337.00
2002-03	333.00
2003-04	349.55
2004-05	378.00
2005-06	—

(b) The entire amount of Rs. 1397.55 lakh was released of which Rs. 1198.37 lakh have been spent.

(c) The work on widening and strengthening of Thakurganj-Galgalia Road (8.25 kms) and Jaynagar-Harlakhi-Basopatti Road (17.50 kms) has since been completed. The work on strengthening of part of Laukuha to Lokhi village road to Madhubani-Rajnagar-Babu Barhi-Khutauna Road (57 kms) and construction of Bagaha Gobardhana Road is under progress.

Foreigners arrested under NDPS Act

3046. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners arrested during the last three years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act;

(b) how many of them have been convicted; and

(c) whether conviction of the accused in these cases is very low and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps taken for maximum conviction of the person found involved in those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The number of foreigners arrested during